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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2005, in the above-identified patent application. The indication that claims 48-52, 63-67 and 71-75 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form is noted with appreciation. However, since it is still believed that the rejected claims 2, 3, 47, 60-62, 68-70 and 81 are allowable, the allowed claims have not been placed in independent form. Rather, reconsideration of the rejection of these claims is respectfully requested, in light of these remarks, the accompanying Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and the books referenced therein, copies of which are being filed with the Statement.

The sole issue in this case is the proper interpretation of the term "enclosure" as used in the rejected claims to define an enclosure of acoustic speakers. The repeated position of the Examiner is that a room of the cited Schwartz U.S. patent no. 4,823,391 in which the audio speakers are located meets the "enclosure" limitation of the claims. This position continues to be respectfully traversed.

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